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1. CATERPILLAR TRACTOR CO. HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT CATERPILLAR'S WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY IN AUSTRALIA HAS BEEN ASKED BY GOA TO BID ON TRACTORS TO BE SOLD TO GOA AND SHIPPED TO NORTH VIET-NAM AS PART OF AUSTRALIA'S AID PROGRAM TO THAT COUNTRY. TRACTORS MAY BE IN 9 TO 10 TON CATEGORY, HAVING ANYWHERE FROM 0 TO 20 PER CENT US ORIGIN PARTS.

2. DEPARTMENT INFORMED CATERPILLAR THAT TREASURY DEPARTMENT FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL REGULATIONS PROHIBIT
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ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT TRANSACTIONS WITH NORTH VIET-NAM

ON THE PART OF US-CONTROLLED COMPANIES WITHOUT TREASURY
LICENSE. IT HAS BEEN US POLICY THAT APPLICATIONS FOR SUCH
LICENSES ARE NORMALLY DENIED. CATERPILLAR MAY STILL WISH
TO FILE LICENSE APPLICATION WITH TREASURY AND COMMERCE.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS. NEED-
LESS TO SAY, WE WOULD LIKE TO AVOID ANY POLITICAL ISSUE
BETWEEN USG AND GOA WHICH COULD INCREASE AUSTRALIAN SENSI-

TIVITIES ABOUT ROLE OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN
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